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ELECTION

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated March 7, Applicant hereby elects the species identified by the examiner as Group B, subject to a traverse of the requirement below. It is understood that the species election will be effective only if a generic claim (21 - 27, 32 - 37) is not allowed. Claims 21 - 28 and 32 - 37 read on the elected species.

The restriction requirement is traversed on the ground that the requirements of PCT Rule 13.1 have not been met. In the international stage of this application, the competent ISA and IPEA did not raise any objection as to lack of unity of the present claims. We believe they were correct not to do so, because all members of the second group of components are commonly linked with each other by the fact that they are polyhydroxylated resins. This is the common inventive feature of all the components.

Respectfully submitted,



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